

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is submitted in full response to the Final Office Action dated April 18, 2006 wherein claims 14, 16, 17, and 19-41 are pending, with claims 16 and 23-25 having been withdrawn from consideration, claims 14, 17, and 19-22 stand as allowable, and claims 26-41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by European Patent No. 628,264 to Revelut ("Revelut"). Further, claim 20 stands objected to based upon one or more informalities. With this Amendment, and in accordance with the Final Office Action, all of the claims which remain pending in the application are now believed to be in condition for immediate allowance.

Claim 20 - Objections Addressed

As stated above, claim 20 is objected to because of one or more informalities, namely, because the term "at least one pulley" should read "at least one pulley member" for consistency. Accordingly, claim 20 has been amended herein to include the wording "at least one pulley member". As such, Applicant believes claim 20 to now be in condition of immediate allowance.

35 U.S.C. 102(b) Claim Rejections

As set forth above, claims 26-41, as presented in Applicant's Amendment filed earlier this year, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Revelut.

Although this is a response to a Final Office Action, it is noted that the cited reference to Revelut fails to teach structure allowing the hub member to rotate. As such, the Applicant hereby amends independent claim 26 to include a recitation of such structure, i.e., allowing the hub member to rotate, and specifically, the cam cleat "permitting rotation of said main hub member about said longitudinal axis of said pole member." Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider his position regarding independent claim 26 and the claims dependent thereon, in that Applicant believes that these claims are now allowable on their face.

As a result of the forgoing amendments and remarks, the pending claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

In addition, a request for an appropriate extension of time is enclosed herewith along with the corresponding PTO fee. In

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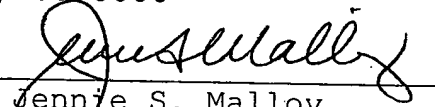
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the event that any additional fee may be required by the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees and/or credits to our **Deposit Account No. 13-1227.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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